

GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING BOARD
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Minutes of 4/3/2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Hussey-Johnson
Jennifer Nicole Eichmeyer
Jack Zarybnisky, O.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas M Beck, M.D.

BUREAU STAFF: Dawn Hall, Deputy Bureau Chief
Nick Krema, General Counsel
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Candace Villarreal, Technical Records Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM MDT by Ms. Hussey-Johnson.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Hall introduced Ms. Kelley Packer, bureau chief, and Rob McQuade, bureau legal counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Zarybnisky made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/6/2019 with corrections to the motions on requests for consideration and applications. It was seconded by Ms. Eichmeyer. Motion carried.

PROPOSED LAWS AND RULES

Mr. McQuade gave a presentation regarding the Red Tape Reduction Act. He also stated that the Genetic Counselors Laws and Rules will be reviewed this year. The plan is to have the Bureau complete an initial overview and provide recommendations to the Board Chair. Once Board Chair review is completed, the recommendations will be brought to a Board meeting and an in-depth review will be made by the full Board. Final recommendations will then be sent to the Governor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$95,896.98 as of 2/28/2019.

FEE DECREASE

Ms. Hall presented a fee decrease proposal for the Board's consideration. The Board discussed all options and Ms. Eichmeyer made a motion to approve the option with a reduction in fees from \$400.00 to \$200.00 for initial application and licensure, and for renewal fees to be reduced from \$200.00 to \$150.00. It was seconded by Dr. Zarybnisky. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING will be scheduled as needed.

DISCUSS APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The Board discussed application approvals and motions regarding applications. The To Do List will be updated to show that the Board approves incomplete applications pending receipt of additional information and once the information is received a license may be issued. It was further discussed that the Board specialist is to contact the Board chair for an additional application review in the event new information is received that shows disciplinary action, denied licensure from another state, or a felony or crime.

CORRESPONDENCE

COUNSELING PATIENTS WHEN IDAHO APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE IS PENDING

The Board reviewed correspondence from a licensee regarding certified genetic counselors who have a pending application providing counseling to Idaho patients via tele-counsel. It was discussed that genetic counselors must be licensed in Idaho to practice in Idaho. Ms. Eichmeyer made a motion for Mr. Crema to draft a response stating that you must be licensed to practice in Idaho and to provide the appropriate information to the licensee from state licensure laws and rules and that beyond recommending those references, the Idaho Genetic Counselor Licensure Board does not provide private legal opinions or advice. It was seconded by Dr. Zarybnisky. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Eichmeyer made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

Schoonveld, Kay
Blanchard, Colleen

GENA-142
GENA-146

It was seconded by Dr. Zarybnisky. Motion carried.

Ms. Eichmeyer made a motion to approve the following applications pending receipt of additional information.

901-165-620
901-165-215
901-165-732
901-165-652
901-165-871

It was seconded by Dr. Zarybnisky. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Eichmeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 PM MDT. It was seconded by Dr. Zarybnisky. Motion carried.

Heather Hussey-Johnson, Chair

Jennifer Nicole Eichmeyer

Thomas M Beck, M.D.

Jack Zarybnisky, O.D.

Kelley Packer, Bureau Chief